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### MSM COMMITTEE

On April 26th when almost every member of the Bryan Family could not quite understand the meaning of the many signs that were placed in every available spot on the campus advertising a Mass Student Meeting scheduled for 7:00 o'clock in the evening, there were five young men who knew all about it. God had given these young men a vision of the need for the present student body to throw themselves wholeheartedly behind God's work on Bryan Hill. As this need was presented, together with concrete ways through which the work could be begun, the Spirit of God gripped hearts and a literal transformation took place at Bryan. Students were eager to immediately show their support of all that had been purposed. Though all were eager to help, someone must take the leadership. Thus, a committee, composed of the fellows who originated the MSM, was elected by the students to direct the activities of the Movement. So let's become better acquainted with the members of this committee.

### DONALD OAKLEY

Donald Oakley of Mishawaka, Indiana, serves as chairman of the committee. Recognized as one possessing unusual leadership qualities, Don is an excellent example of Christian manhood. Whether it be singing a solo, directing a song service, giving a message, or talking MSM, one is impressed with the evidence of his spirit-filled life.



Don was recently married to Miss Jacqueline Howell of Portsmouth, Ohio. He and Mrs. Oakley (Jackie) will continue their studies here in the fall. Both are members of the Junior class.

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## July 26, 1925

William Jennings Bryan ended his last "summer vacation" on July 26th, 1925, when he died in Dayton, Tennessee, at the conclusion of the world-famous Anti-Evolution Case. At this season of the year when so many are "vacation-minded," we take opportunity on the anniversary of Mr. Bryan's death to correct some prevailing false impressions concerning Mr. Bryan and his part in the trial by bringing to light some facts unknown to the general public.

William Jennings Bryan considered God's business far more important than physical comfort and pleasure, and deliberately chose to spend those hot July days under tremendous strain because he regarded himself as the Lord's servant. For years Mr. Bryan had been greatly concerned because a wave of modernistic unbelief threatened the younger generation of our land. Untiringly he went from city to city, from college to college, giving a faithful testimony for Christ and the Bible. More and more, as he talked with high school and college people, he became convinced that teaching the Evolutionary Theory as fact was the fundamental cause of the unbelief and lawlessness of modern youth.

Having made a thorough study of evolutionary writings he devoted his marvelous powers of oratory and his keen wit to exposing the perilous dangers of the evolutionary hypothesis. His messages to several state legislatures resulted in the passage of a number of anti-evolutionary laws.

As planned by his close friends, Mr. Bryan had intended to spend his last years in less strenuous pursuits, such as traveling on vacation tours to Europe and the Holy Land with a larger circle of friends who desired more intimate fellowship with him. He and these close friends saw that going to Dayton would mean something far different. Mr. Bryan knew from experience what it meant to participate in such a bitter fight when unfair advantage would be taken to ridicule his simple faith and to seemingly reflect on his intelligence.

After carefully and calmly considering the cost and the results to be gained, Mr. Bryan announced his intention of participating in the trial. It was as a defender of the faith that William Jennings Bryan engaged in the world-famous July Trial—for the cause of Christ and the Bible, and for the sake of the oncoming youth of our Land.

All of the enemies made by Mr. Bryan in his defense of the Bible now concentrated their efforts to seek his undoing. The newspapers and magazines were filled with sarcastic innuendos. A comparison of the stenographic report of the trial with newspaper accounts of the trial reveals how unfair the Press was in reporting the court battles. Mr. Bryan gave a good account of himself. He more than held his own throughout the case.

Undoubtedly, God saw that only in removing Mr. Bryan, as soon as he had given his faithful testimony, could Mr. Bryan's purpose in

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### ARCHIE KEFFER



Archie Keffer, with eighteen years experience as a carpenter, coupled with a sincere love for the Lord and an intense desire for a completed building on Bryan Hill, is surely a "man for the hour." Upon the

conviction that God had called him into the ministry, Mr. Keffer left his business as a contractor in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and enrolled in Bryan. Not only a student but also a part-time staff member with responsibility for building construction, Mr. Keffer has proved himself most efficient and capable.

Mr. Keffer is married and has three children. He and his family reside in "faculty village."

### GEORGE CONE

George Cone of Belleville, Ohio, first entered Bryan in '43, but after a few months his education here was postponed until '46, due to time spent in the service of his country. A logical thinker, an ardent promoter, plus a real capacity for hard work give George a distinctive place on the committee.



George is attending the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Norman, Oklahoma, for the summer but will continue his work at Bryan this fall.

### HAROLD GOEHRING



Coming from Evans City, Pennsylvania, Harold has manifested real evidence of a deep Christian character. His excellent judgment, cooperative spirit, and conscientious loyalty to high standards are effective tools

which God is obviously using for the advancement of MSM. The latter part of August, Harold is to be married to Miss Janice Lien, who traveled last summer with the girls' quartette from Bryan.

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participating in the trial be fully achieved. Word went out of his sudden death. Overnight the voices of his enemies were stopped. Satanic opposition to the truth was driven into the background again. Then Mr. Bryan and his accomplishments were lauded in the newspapers and from the pulpits of our land. The public was given more of an opportunity to fairly evaluate issues.

As I sit at my desk during these July days I think of the price that Mr. Bryan paid for our young people. I think of what some are doing that Bryan University may carry on the work of William Jennings Bryan. I think of our battle to continue summer construction. Surely some others should send in their gifts out of love for Christ and appreciation for Mr. Bryan.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President.

### FAMOUS COURT TRIALS SIGNIFICANT

Sometimes it is years after some event that the hand of God is seen in the affairs of men. We hold that the world-famous Scopes Trial here at Dayton and the much more recent Champaign-McCollum case are God's public warning to America.

Then, international attention was called to the secularization of our educational system. The world had crowded into our schools. Now, we are warned that God is being entirely crowded out.

Bryan University has a much needed testimony for nominally Christian America. This is the time for reaching as many young people as we can. Let those that see the issues involved take a stand. The time may soon be too late.

### HERBERT BIRCH



Great zeal, high principles, deep spiritual convictions — these are just a few of the predominant characteristics that help one to know Herbert Birch. As active participant in many campus activities, he has been

marvelously used by the Lord. Faithful to responsibility now and a deep desire to do the Lord's work are indications that there are still greater fields of service for "Herbie."

During the summer months, he is continuing his work at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. "Herbie's" Home is in Macon, Georgia.

All of the members of this committee are returned veterans and are pursuing their work here with intense earnestness. Special commendation goes to all of them for the many accomplishments that are already evident as a result of MSM.

### NOW THE RESULTS (C.S.A.)

From time to time we have told you of the many open doors for the Christian Service Association. Mention has been made of the work in schools and churches, in hospitals and homes, in the jail and on the street. But what have been the results of all this effort? Truly the "labor has not been in vain." Perhaps the results have been greater than one is able to definitely determine, yet the records indicate a total attendance of 52,448 in our various meetings from October '47 to May '48. During the same length of time, 359 definitely professed faith in Christ. Approximately 10,000 tracts were distributed.

### 1948-49 FINANCIAL PLAN

The five members of the student MSM Committee and the University Administrative officers have agreed on a Financial Plan for the current fiscal year beginning June 1, 1948, which is simple and easily understood. All agree that operating expenses are absolutely necessary, so \$30,000 of undesignated gift income will be used for operation, and all over this amount will go to the Building Fund. This figure is in line with the operating gift income for the past two years.

Around \$10,000 was designated for building purposes the last two years so our year's goal is to exceed as far as possible a combined gift income of \$40,000.

All are working together to finish present construction. All are working together to raise a large amount for resumed construction on the main Memorial Building. LET US KEEP ON KEEPING ON!

"So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Neh. 2:18.

Bryan University





## FROM THE MAIL BAG

Here are a few brief excerpts from letters received concerning the work and workers of MSM:

"I want you to know that I believe the Lord is really in this and that He is going to show that 'if God be for us, who can be against us'?"

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"I was so thrilled when I read in the 'Newsette' about the Student Mass Meeting. I am looking forward to being brought much closer to the Lord by attending school there. I have met several people recently who have told me that so far as numbers go Bryan isn't such a large school, but so far as being spiritual, it can't be beat and that is exactly what counts and exactly what I need."

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"I feel led of God to write you and acquaint you with the fact that I, too, have been shaken from my sleep. You can well understand how heartwarming it is to see how God is using these young people for His honor and glory. My eyes are open as never before. . . . God has shown me that I must awake, arise, and help build in Dayton, Tennessee, as well as at home."

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Further expression of the Lord's working was manifested in another letter recently received by the University:

"The enclosed check for \$500 payable to Bryan University represents gifts from the three men whose names appear below. You may apply it either to your building fund or current needs. Please send receipts to each and some literature as they know very little about Bryan University and made the contribution at my solicitation."

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From the Executive Manager of a great Bible Conference:

Your Bryan students who have helped me here last summer and now this summer are indeed superior Christian young people.

I want to have a part, even though very small, in encouraging such a

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In their annual meeting during Commencement Week on Tuesday afternoon, June 8th, the trustees transacted considerable business in addition to hearing the annual reports of executive officers. Resolutions were passed in appreciation of the late Rev. E. B. Arnold, who served so long as a fellow trustee. Dr. A. M. Morgan was elected Secretary of the Board to fill the vacancy created by Brother Arnold's homegoing.

All trustees with terms expiring August 1, 1948, were either re-elected to the Board or placed on the Advisory and Reference Committee. It was voted to amend the Charter so that Trustees will be officially elected for six-year terms rather than four-year terms.

To encourage more general participation of the Trustees in University business, it was voted to have regular periodic meetings of the Committees of the Board.

Appreciation was expressed for the sacrificial service of all staff members and for all that had been accomplished.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Elizabeth Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brodt, July 7, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

### WEDDING BELLS

Phyllis Eaton, ex '50 to Dale Mead, '48, June 27, South Bend, Indiana.

Nita Bookamer, ex '49 to Bruce Brickel, '50, June 19, Irbona, Ohio.

Jacquelyn Howell, '50 to Don Oakley, '50, June 25, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Congratulations and best wishes to these fine young couples as together they give their lives in His service.

training center.

May God continue to give you wisdom in your chosen field of service. The results speak most effectively of the value of your work.

Sincerely in Christ,

That the Lord is blessing the work of both quartets is evidenced by these bits of news from the mail bag:

"We had Dean Ryther and the five girls with us . . . How we praise God for testimonies such as these and for a wonderful Christian University like Bryan. . . ."

"The male quartet has been here and gone, but not without leaving a real imprint. They are a splendid group with a real testimony. . . . I pray the Lord will bless these teams and your school more abundantly as the days come and go."

## ON THE CAMPUS

The summer family enjoyed a variety of recreation and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Adams of the McDonald Farm near Sale Creek, Tennessee, on the evening of July fifth. A delicious picnic supper was served to the entire group of some thirty-five members.

On vacation for a few weeks are: Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish and Alan in New Hampshire and other eastern points; Miss Ila Ruth Mahr in Aurora, Illinois, and Denver, Colorado; Mr. Archie Keffer in Pennsylvania; John Mason in Hindman, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peck and Gail in Florida.

During the summer months, Ian Hay, Charles Taber, Archie Keffer, Ellsworth Balzer, and Earl Peck are taking a course in life saving at the Crystal Swimming Pool near here.

Now a very important part of the Bryan family is Miss Anne Firebaugh, who has assumed her duties as cook for the summer months. Anne recently spent two weeks in Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, serving as counselor in the church camp there.

The summer group has enjoyed visits by James Doud, '42, and Mrs. Doud of Media, Pennsylvania; Dr. G. Allan Fleece of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mr. Donald Mahr with daughters, Barbara and Judy, and Mrs. Everett and daughter, Marilyn, of Aurora, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Shoemaker, missionaries on furlough from Martinique; Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Colwell of Highland, Indiana; Prof. and Mrs. '34, Wendell Weaver of Portsmouth, Virginia. Don and Jackie (Howell) Oakley also stopped by for an overnight visit on their way to Portsmouth, Ohio, from their honeymoon trip.

Prof. and Mrs. Dixon and Celia have just returned from a week's visit with Mrs. Dixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chambers, in Maryville, Tennessee.

Prof. and Mrs. Williamson and Carol, along with Bill Yeary of the University of Tennessee, celebrated the 4th (on the 5th) by spending the day at Cumberland State Park, Crossville, Tennessee.

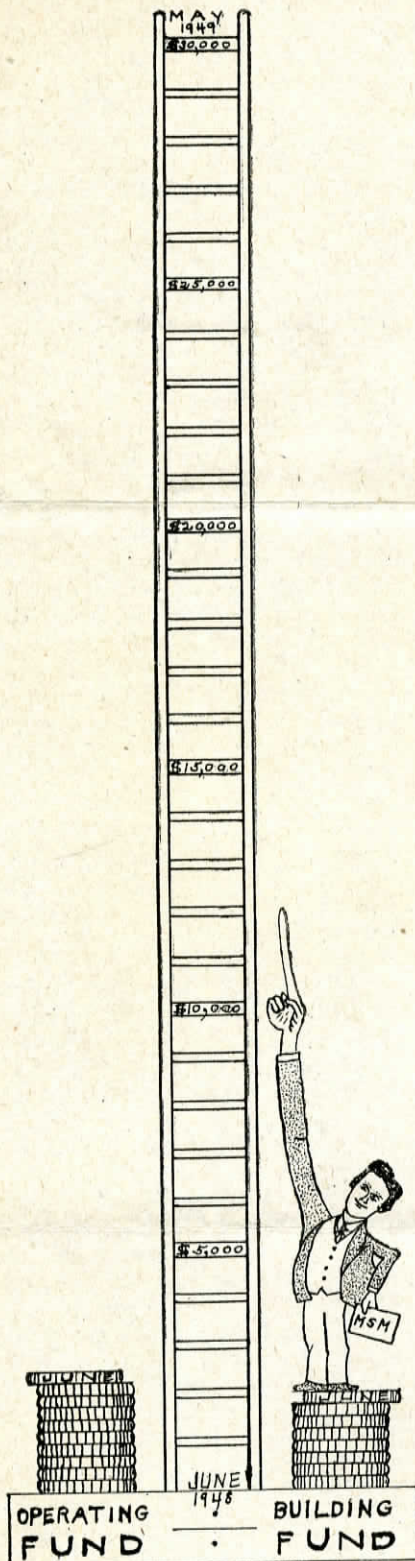
After spending two weeks with her family in Murrayville, Georgia, Miss Adelle Lee, sophomore at the University, has returned for the summer to help with secretarial duties in the University office.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill of the University Boarding Department have just returned from a three weeks visit with relatives and friends in Pennsylvania and New York.



# THE "DON" - OMINATOR

(Named for Donald Oakley of the Mass Student Movement)



TOTAL GIFT RECEIPTS  
DURING JUNE  
\$4,563.63

Each month's gifts are shown to the nearest \$250 coin. Thirty thousand dollars gift income is needed for operation during the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1948. A minimum of \$2,500 gift income (ten coins) is needed for each month's operation. All over this average amount goes to the Building Fund. It is imperative that we have much more than enough for operation.

## CLASS PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

It is always of interest to know the gifts which the classes make to the University. Those announced this year at the Commencement exercises were: \$100.00 on deposit toward a carpet for the Chapel as a two-year project of the Freshman class, the Sophomore gift of a 7 x 9 foot beaded screen for chapel film projection, the school annual called The Commoner as the customary Junior class project, a Webster wire recorder particularly for use in the speech and music departments, given by the Senior class, and the Alumni association gift of a public address system for use in the Chapel.

## SENIOR VESPERS

Among the closing activities of the Seniors was the vesper service on Tuesday evening, June 8. Using as a theme their class motto "Following His Steps," based upon I Pet. 2:21, each of the twenty seniors, representing nine states, had a part in the service. Several of them related in personal testimonies how the Lord had led them to Bryan, others told how He had met every need and led during the stay at Bryan and all pledged anew to follow wherever He would lead.

As a gift to each Senior, a leather-bound Gideon New Testament was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brubaker, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the parents of one of the seniors.

## Christ Above All

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Lloyd E. Fish, Business Manager

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## FINANCIAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

From the beginning the University Administration has recognized our responsibility under God to our supporting constituency. As good stewards we have sought to faithfully account for all gifts received from our contributing friends. Proper safeguards were established long ago and the books were audited internally long before we could afford an audit by a certified public accountant. For years we recorded in the NEWSETTE all gift receipts by number. Then, until the end of the past fiscal year, we sent a monthly mimeographed listing of all gifts received by number to the friends contributing during the month.

Various contributing friends and our official auditor have suggested that we need not longer continue sending out the detailed listing of gifts since our books are audited and a report submitted to the Board of Trustees. We do not want to burden our friends with unnecessary details. We plan to simplify the financial reports given in the NEWSETTE. We want to make them as brief and as interesting as possible for our friends.

In a letter, being sent now to all of our friends, we are asking their help in our effort to cut down on unnecessary mailings. We want contributing and praying friends to know all about the University. We do not want to waste money and effort when so many, who have never heard of Bryan University, would like to know all about it.

PLEASE WRITE us for any financial reports or other facts about the University that you would like to receive.

## NOTICE TO NEW FRIENDS

Attention is called to our July letter with the enclosed reply card asking for an indication of definite interest in the work of Bryan University.

Most of the friends receiving this letter have been on our mailing list for several years. Some have never indicated any definite interest. Literature is sent so that our friends may know of the Lord's blessings on His work, and that they may pray and give intelligently.

It takes time to get acquainted. We do not want to rush any one who has not had an opportunity to become familiar with the work being done. If you have been added to our mailing list recently, hold the questionnaire card until you can give a thoughtful and prayerful reply.

Miss Helen Quinn  
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Portsmouth, Ohio